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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/826,391

Applicants: Hideki TAKAHASHI, et al.

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For: INSULATED GATE BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR WITH
BUILT-IN FREEWHEELING DIODE

Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: LANDAU, M. C.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESTRICTION/ELECTION RESPONSE

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Official Action mailed June 6, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6 and 11 drawn to a bipolar transistor and directed to Species I depicted in Fig. 2 and 14 for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

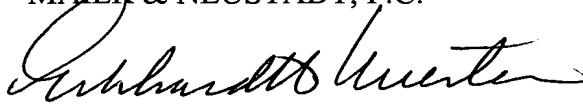
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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